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12 July 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

SUBJECT: Special Requirements for Photographic Coverage  
of Cuba

REFERENCE: USIB-D-41.14/305 (COMOR-D-24/203), 10 Jan 1967

1. The attached is a suggestion submitted by DIA as alternative wording for paragraphs a, b, and c transmitted in OPCEN 4170.

2. It has also been suggested that paragraph 2 be reworded as follows:

"It is recommended that:

a. USIB approve the conclusions outlined above and request the NRO to undertake coverage of selected targets in eastern Cuba with the H camera at the earliest opportunity.

b. If the H camera is not available within the near future, coverage be attempted with the Delta."

3. CIA feels that the DIA proposal suggests a possible intensification of effort which merits further discussion at the COMIREX level. This office notes that whereas the DIA recommendation could result in according a priority to certain targets, it is understood that such action is not intended to result in an increase in missions.

4. It is requested that:

a. Members bring to the meeting any consultants who can assist COMIREX in making a substantive judgment on the need to redefine the present requirement for target coverage;

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NRO and DIA review(s) completed.

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b. DIA be prepared to speak to the operational ability to meet a redefined requirement without increasing the number of missions or interfering with the coverage of Cuba requirement as presently approved by USIB (see reference).

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Executive Secretary

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

Attachment

DIA comments

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5 DIA [redacted]  
6, 7, 8, 9 DIA TCO  
10, 11 OACSI TCO  
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DIA Comments to OPCEN 4170

Delete present paragraphs a, b, and c and substitute the following:

a. In view of recent developments in Cuba it would appear desirable to redefine our requirements for imagery reconnaissance of that country. Specifically, the requirement for target coverage should be redefined to permit increased

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(2) The changing pattern of air defense reactions and capabilities including the possible deployment of the SA-3 system and the initiation of MIG-21 fighter reactions to GLASS LAMP operations.

(3) The stepped up nature of arms deliveries to Cuba including about 18 arms shipments since September 1966. (This is in sharp contrast with five such shipments in calendar year 1965 and two shipments in the period between January and September 1966.)

b. We see no reason to change the requirement for normal surveillance and area coverage of Cuba, i.e., about

[Redacted] Such surveillance should continue to be conducted with the B camera.

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